**IB US History Antebellum Unit Project**

**Task: students will each prepare and teach a section of US History from the period 1815-1860, with PowerPoint presentation, notesheets and a research paper.**

**Overview: The U.S. was more united after the War of 1812, but this unity was only skin deep. Sections conflicts grew, and a number of events and developments propelled the North and South towards Civil War in 1860. Your job is to select one topic, explain the historical events and circumstances involved, and show how it led the country to war.**

**You will select a topic from the list below and create a PowerPoint presentation (4 slides maximum) that explains the key events, persons, conflicts and how it led to war.**

**Specific steps:**

1. **Select a topic from the list below. You may work individually, or in pairs (max. of two). You must present one topic per person.**
2. **Create a notesheet of one page, with bullet points explaining the historical information you are presenting. Use the Cornell Notes format.**
3. **Create a PowerPoint with text and pictures (and sounds, if you like) to present to the class. The last slide in your show should explain how your topic affected the U.S. march to Civil War.**
4. **Present the PowerPoint to the class, and hand out the notesheet. You will be graded on the presentation and the notesheet.**
5. **Write a 3-4 page research paper on your topic, using only primary and secondary sources (no Wikipedia etc.). You will need to include in-text citations and an MLA-format bibliography.**

**Timeframe: we will have one day in the library. The rest of the project will be done on your own time.**

**PowerPoints are due to me on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Presentations will be done chronologically. The research paper will be due one week after the PowerPoint deadline, on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Submit PowerPoint presentations to me at** [**kathleen\_muzdakis@eastiron.monroe.edu**](mailto:kathleen_muzdakis@eastiron.monroe.edu)